A GIFTED PROOF READER.

MR. J. EMERY M'LEAN OF THE POURTH AVENUE BIBLE HOUSE.

He Rends Proof in \$45 Languages and Dis-iects, Yet He Gets Outy \$21 a Week-He Tells Interesting Facts Concerning Bibles. A most interesting illustration of the marvellous capacity of the human brain is found in the person of an employe of a publishing house in this city. His duties consist of proof reading in 242 languages and dialects.

At the Bible House on Fourth avenue the American Bible Society employs as proof reader Mr. J. Emery McLean. He is a native of Canada, nearly 30 years of age, quite 6 feet inches in stature, and has been a resident of New York about four years. Aside from his trying task as proof reader, he has found con-siderable time to devote to literary work. which, during the life of the late Count Norriakow, Russian exile, included the correct Englishing" of the Count's translations of Russian works, and since the demise of the nobieman, Mr. McLean has aided the Countess Ella Norriakow to some extent in her labora.

Mr. McLean's functions as a proof reader

cover the final revision of the proofs of the Holy Scriptures as printed and circulated by the society, the languages and dialects |242 in number that he handles being designated under these heads: British Isles, 1 to 6; Continent of Europe, 7 to 68; Asia, 69 to 162; the Islands, 163 to 185; Africa, 186 to 217; American continent, 218 to 242. For a fact, in many cases the specimens of proofs show the different alphabets or characters which the people use. The Turkish version, for example, is prepared for Moslems in the Arabic letter, but for Armenians an entirely different form is needed, and for Greeks yet another: thus, making due allowance for repetitions, the specimens 1242 actually represent about 213

specimens 242 actually represent about 213 languages and dialects.

After taking into account the wonderful versatility of brain necessary to cope with the aimost endless number of words and characters in these languages, perhaps the strangest feature of his remarkable gift is the fact that Mr. McLean is not a linguist—does not converse in any language but English, nor does he understand any other, his work being done purely through his power of embracing form at sight.

Take, for illustration, John III., 18; "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoseever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

ife."
This in Dutch reads: "Want alzoo lief heeft
God de wereld ghab, dat hij zijnen eeniggeboren Zoon gezven heeft, opdat een legelijk,
die in hem gelooft, niet verderve, naar het

die in hem gesott met deutschaft de eeuwige leven hebbe.

The Maori 'New Zealand' version is this:
"Na, kola ano te archa o te Atua ki te ao, homai ana e ia tana Tamaiti ko tahi, kia kahore ai e matete tangata e whakapono ana ki a in, engari kia whiwhi ai ki te oranga

error in a word or sentence.

And yet, possessing all that knowledge, you receive only the wages of the ordinary proof reader.

that my eyes instantly lead me to detect an error in a word or sentence."

And yet, possessina all that knowledge, you receive only the wages of the ordinary proof reade protect only the wages of the ordinary proof reade protect because if I were to receive \$21 per all, perhans their way of looking at the matter is correct because if I would be in receipt of quite should be intraced in the magnitude of the manufacture of Bibles. Take the American Bible Society alone, It was organized in New York in May, 1816, by a convention of delegates from the Bible societies in different parts of the country. It had been preceded by a large number of local and independent organizations, the oldest of which was that established in Philadelphia in 1828. Its work is benevolent and unsectarian. The only version in the English language which it can circulate is that which has been commently received since the rear 1911. Up to date its total issues of Bibles. Totataments, and integral rortions of the Scripture are over fifty million copies, and its expenditures will reach nearly \$25,000,000. The American Society acts in conjunction with the British and Foreign Bible Society so far as circulation is concerned. The version of the English Bible now in common use was first printed in 1911, in a folio volume which contains 1,20,70 pages, each measuring 16 inches by 11. If two pages were printed at one time and 180 impressions were taken in one hour, each press, in a day of the hours, would yield the equivalent of the millions. In a single rear, ending March 1811, in a folio volume which contains 1,20,00 pages, each measuring 16 inches by 11. If two pages were printed at one time and 180 impressions were taken in one hour, each press, in a day of three Brible have been circulated. Fancy, then the volume a manufacture of the English Bible have been circulated. Fancy, then, the volume as the prin

Congress of State Knights.

A call was issued yesterday for the fourth annual Congress of the Knights of Labor of New York State, to begin on Jan. 10, in Unio fall. Hudson avenue and Eagle street, Al-The call is signed by T. B. McGuire and Henry A. Hicks. The basis of representa-tion is:

District Assemblies—One delegate for 2,000 members e est, two delegates for 4,000, and torse for over 4,000. Local Assemblies—One delegate for 800 members or rese, two for 600, and three for over 600. No assembly can have more than three del-

THE REGISTER'S OFFICE. The Little End of the Political Horn-Big Politicians Who Have Held It, and Have Ever Thereafter Remained Obscure.

With the beginning of the new year the an tique and delapidated Hall of Records, to the west of the big bridge entrance, will have a new official tenant, the term of Frank T. Fitz-gerald expiring on Dec. 31, and Ferdinand Levy, a municipal statesman of variegated gifts and interests, succeeding to the office of Register. The Register holds a responsible post and is a well-paid official. His term is three years, and the patronage attached to the office is considerable. It has always been a post much sought after among ambitious statesmen, and often the bone of bitter factional contentions. While the emoluments of the post have served in the case of some who have held it as tangible reminders of its importance, the political prestige which was expected to reward successive incumbents seems always, by one of the oddities of city politics. to crumble into the ashes of Dead Sea fruit. Every ward or Assembly district leader in New York, with few conspicuous exceptions. has during his political lieutenancy aspired to become Register, but this hope, whenever gratified, has marked usually the eclipse of the expectations of the individual so favored. It is not necessary to go very far back for examples of this for a number of them crowd the memory. Three of the most conspicuous are Miles O'Reilly, Big Judge Connolly and Gen. Sigel. Mr. Halpine, who won more than a national fame during the war as "Private Miles O'Reilly" by the wit and brilliancy of his writings, was chosen Register soon after its close, by a flattering and generally unexpected majority. A prosperous politi-cal career seemed to await him, but he died before the close of his term. Big Judge Michael Connolly, who had an enormous political following, and whose feats as a pedestrian on 394 days in the year, and as a political sprinter on the Tuesday siter the first Monday of November endears; him to his Cavan associates everywhere, was chosen Halpine's successor in 1898. He had been. first Monday of November endeared him to his Cavan associates everywhere, was chosen Halpine's successor in 1892. He had been before that time, magistrate of the borkville Police Court, and he was a fermidable and familiat local personage generally, the candidate pitted against him in 1892 being Horace Greeley. With his induction into the Hagister's office, however, his large political following rapidly disappeared, and long before the close of his term the claims of others to the successorship were considered. He was not renominated in 1871, and when a candidate for Congress, a year later, his defeat was such a crushing one that he entirely dropped out of politics and lived obscurely afterward until his death.

Gen. Sigel, whose fame as a revolutionary leader in Germany was acquired before he came to the United States, took a conspicuous part in the war of the rebellion on the Union side, and was the subject of the once familiar slogan. "I fights mit Sigel." Gen. Sigel was useful recognize forman.

entire lever header. The Moort low of called which is this. The Moort low of called which is the finited States to low a company of the moort of the come to be regarded as the ordinary political rule in New York, but if it is, he will be fortunate in being the first ex-flegisher to break the sinister record. Mr. Fitzgerald has been elected to the newly created post of additional Surrogate, and incident to this elevation he has abditional sirrogate, and incident to this elevation he has abditional strict, and the choice for successorship has already fallen to Col. Michael C. Murphy, Mr. Fitzgerald's lifelong routiest antagonist in the concerns of the Fifth wand, in which Col. Murphy has for nearly thirty years been active, and to leadership in which Mr. Fitzgerald succeeded by heritage as well as preference. But whether the severance of his relations with the other Tammany Hall district leaders will lead to the scattering of Register Fitzgerald's down-town following remains to be seen; but it is, at all events, certain that the expression. Out of sight out of mind. has a political application, and it would be no great source of surprise if, in Mr. Fitzgerald's case, it had more of the sober truth of prose than of poetry.

The fatality which seems to pursue from bents of the office of Register in New York does not extend to other county offices. Mr. Gifror is still Commissioner of Public Works. One of his predecessors. Thompson, was County Clerk before being Commissioner, and Levy, may expresses the evil spirit which seems to lurs in and about the old Hall of Records.

Levy, may exercise the evil spirit which seems to lirk in and about the old Hail of Records. Then, again, there may be a new hall before December, 1835, when his term ends. The latter is the more probable.

FUREY TORTURED HIS WIFE. First He Kicked Her Into Unconsciousness,

Then He Stabbed Her With a Hatpin, A big. muscular tinker named Edward Furey began drinking on Christmas Day, and kept it up until his money was exhausted. This did not occur until Monday night, and ter, with whom he lives at 2,040 First avenue. and demanded money to buy more liquor. His wife refused. He knocked her down, and kicked her until she became unconscious. Furer thrust his daughter Bridget aside and ordered the unconscious woman to get up.
"Ill find a way to move you." le said, and, which he jabbed into the prostrate woman's

which he jacoed that the prostates would a side.

Bridget hurried down stairs and called Policeman Walsh, who had Mrs. Furey removed to the Presbyterian Hospital, and arrested her husband. A physician scertificate was sent to the Harlem Court yesterday from the hospital stating that Mrs. Furey's condition was very serious, and Furer was committed by Justice Welde to await the result of her injuries.

A Distaherited Daughter Successfully Con-tests Her Father's Will.

Boston. Dec. 27.-The contest over the will of the late Fire Commissioner Edward A. White has been settled. The estate is valued at not less than \$350,000, and under the terms of the will the testator's daughter. Mrs. Anna S. Rowe, was disinherited. Mrs. Rowe contested the will and won, and the executors took an appeal from the Probate Court decision. Since then an agreement has been made by which Mrs. Rowe will receive \$100,000.

Where Testerday's Fires Wers.

A. M.-12:25, 237 William street, damage \$40; 1:30 two-story frame unoccupied dwelling in re Lerey street, damage \$500: 7 45, 61 East Eight street, Peter Neeban, damage \$10: 10:00, 77 Hester West 125th street, Walter Bens damage \$800

West 126th street, Walter Sons damage South F. M.-1.15, chimney, 12 West Fifth third street. A Woodward, damage Side, 2-2a, 115 East biffe minds aftert. Dr. Schoonwerf damage, 5100 January Fred St. 1566 Teah baseling damage, 2-20, 147 Seath in the Sixth avenue, damage to though 4-15 daying like pace, James Marph. damage 5-0, 152, 3. Thirds pace, James Marph. damage 5-0, 152, 3. Thirds pace, Manhattan Elecand tempons a control of the day of the control of the control

ONE OF TAMMANT'S WISE METHODS. It Disarms Opposition by Brawing to Itself

the Ablest Opponents. One of the surest ways to become a district leader in Tammany Hall is to get up a district | said organization that can beat the regular Tammany organization. That Tammany can adapt itself to conditions as rapidly as they develop is shown by the fact that a number of the Tammany district leaders to-day are men who have carried their respective districts against Tammany Hall on the district and city tickets both. When a manin a Republican district gets up an organization that can beat the regular Republican organization, he may be let in or he may not. It has usually been that the regular Republican organization would keep on kicking against the pricks until the

regularly the Hon. Patrick Gavan Duffy, the Tammany leader. Frank T. Fitzgerald, then a young lawyer, got up an organization of \$340 lator men and personal friends of his which carried the district over both Col. Murphy and Judge Duffy. Tammany Hall promptly saw that the way to carry the district was to make Fitzgerald leader. So it paid him for the walloping he gave Tammany by making him district leader and electing him Additional Surrogate. Now it rewards Col. Murphy for having thrushed Tammany in the district before by making him leader when Fitzgeraid became ineligible through going on the bencia. The old Second was another down-town district which though not a County Democracy stronghold, like the First, was carried by the County Democracy through the ability of the Hon. Thomas Penderous Waish and the County Democracy Assemblyman. Timothy Bry Pollar Sullivan. As soon as they proved that they could carry the district without the aid of Tammany, that astute organization took them both in, gare Mr. Walsh an office, and now makes Mr. Sullivan a district leader. The old Third district was another district Tammany used to lose. Register James J. Sievin was the Tammany district leader and Police Justice O'lheilly was the County Democracy district leader. O'Reilly usually carried the district so he was made the Tammany district leader, and the district became a strong Tammany district.

In the old Twelfth district, around Tompkins square, Patrick Reenan was so strong that the assembly as known as Keannyllle. having thrushed Tammany in the district In the old Twelfth district, around Tompkins square, Patrick keenan was so strong that the neighborhood was known as Keenanville. He was able to elect his Alderman and Assemblyman both, and he had the banner (ounty bemoracy district in New York. He was conciliated, and he is now the Tammany district leader, while his Assemblyman is a Tammany Assemblyman, his old Alderman is a Tammany asset to be opposed to the regular Tammany organization. He went into the organization before Gen. Spinolas death, and is now one of the ablest and most successful of the Tammany district leaders. There is no dissension in that district, and the Democratic majority is steadly increasing.

Kelly, was his resistance to this flexibility and adaptability of the district organizations which Mr. Croker encourages. Mayor Grant

which Mr. Croker encourages. May or Grant made his entrance into politics in opposition to the regular Tammany organization of his district, and it was several years before he got recognition as the Tammany district leader. Any man who could now do in a district what Mayor Grant did then would be the recognized leader in a much shorter time. COLUMBUS CELEBRATION ECHOES. Kings County Supervisors Made Defendants

in a Lawsuit, The first of the threatened suits in connection with the alleged extortionate bills in the recent official Columbus celebration in Brooklyn has been instituted in the Supreme Court, and the summons and complaint were filed yesterday in the County Clerk's office. It is brought in the Supreme Court by Lawyers William J. Gaynor, William G. Low, and
Edward M. Grout on behalf of Thomas McGann, a well-known contractor. The defendants are Henry D. Southard, who get
\$6,000 for putting up one of the grand stands
on the Park plaza: Frederick heller, County
Auditor, who audited Southard's bill, and
the Supervisors who yoted to override the
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Insane from Overwork.

NEWBURGH, Dec. 27 .- On Saturday evening Alonzo Stearns, a butcher of this city, left home to get shaved. He went to a drug store and purchased a vial of laudanum. Then he struck out afect for Wurtzberg, Sullivan county, forty miles away. It was bitter cold. He reache! the house of his sister at 5 o'clock in the morning, his shoes worn almost off his feet. Hello, Annie, I'm trying to find a barber shop. Where is there one? said the man as his aister responded to his knock at the door. His strange actions alarmed his sister, and she and her husband induced him to go to bed. Yesterday he was brought to Newburgh, and Drs. Deyo and Borst pronounced him insane from overwork.

An Escaped Lunatic Arrested at the Albe-

marie. Sidney Wilkinson, who is the son of a Baltimore merchant was arraigned in the Tombs Police Court yesterday morning by Detectives Evaniors and Vallely, who arrested him on Evanine and Vallely, who arrested him on Monday at the Albemarie Hotel. Wilkinson is insane. About ten days ago he escaped from a retvate asylum in Baltimore, where he had been placed by his father. His insanity was produced by indulgence in narcotics. When his escape was discovered the Baltimore police asked the New York authorities to keep watch for the madman. Wilkinson appeared at the Albemarle early last week, and the police were notified. Yesterday the prisoner volunteered to accompany a detective to Baltimore.

Shot Himself to Wind Up Christmas Day. Nahody except himself knows what caused Frank Sullivan, who has just attained his majority, to shoot himself in the head on Monmajority, to shoot himself in the head on Monday night. Young Sullivan works for his father at a flower stand in the Spring street market, and lives at 324 Spring street. He had been out celebrating Christmas and got home after midnight resterday morning. He shock hands with his father, saying good-by, drew a revolver, pointed it at his head, and flead. The wound is not serious and he will he will of St. Vincent's Hospital in a few days. His lather and the family declare it was an accident.

Illisois's Building at the World's Fair. Curryso. Dec. 27.-The Illinois State building at the World's Far grounds was finished the lat. The summit of the flag pule is the biguest point in the Faposition grounds. The tip is no feet attack a dome which reaches a beginning of the flag of the RUNNING A BIG CIRCUS.

Barnum's Old Advance Agent Tells Some-

thing About It, and Exhibits Figures,

"There is not a bigger lottery in the world." "Tody" Hamilton the other day, "than the circus business. The most astute man-ager and the most experienced veteran cannot tell much about how he is going to come out financially until near the end of his season. When the big amount of capital and the great number of risks are considered it is a wonder that anybody cares to invest in it at all. Nobody but a man of great courage and large capital would make the venture, and even then I doubt that he would do so unless he had a love for the business. In the first place consider the capital. Three and a balf millions are invested in the Barnum & Bailey Republicans, through dissension, became a minority in the district.

It would have taken venturesome prophets to predict a few years ago that Col. Michael C. Murphy and the Hon. Timothy Dry Dollar Sullivan would be district leaders in good standing in Tammany Hall. Col. Murphy was leader of one of the strongest County Demography of the strongest County Demography districts in the city. He used to wallop rary districts in the city. He used to wallop the show is on a paying lease. Then the circus is the circus is the circus in the circus is the circus in the circus is the circus in the circus is the circus and the circus is the circus in the circus in the circus is the circus in the circus in the circus in the circus is the circus in th circus, which has ten acres of ground and a show states. That means an orbity of SSS. 1000 that has to be offset by net profits before the show is on a paying lasts. Then the average running expenses while the circus is on the road is \$1.700 aday. Multiply that by 100, the number of show days, and you have \$140,000 more to add to the expense account, making \$480,000 that it costs to keep the show for a year. Then there are chances of railroad accidents, which may injure the property and delay the performance. Worst of all, if the season is a bad one and the performances are given at a loss, the proprietor cannot stop. He must keep on just as though he were making big mency, fortif he stops his expenses are not materially decreased, while his reputation suffers great injury. Nearly all his contrasts have been made for the season, and while he might be able to secure releases from some, he could not do so with son, and while he might is able to secure re-leases from some he could not do so with enough to make it pay. All the money he takes in helps to decrease the shortage at the end of the season. At the same time it is mighty unpleasant to know that all the hard work and hard thinking of a year will ifinally result only in loss.

"Of course there is another side to the story, for there are times when the expenses aink out of sight in comparison with the profits, and the result of the year's work shows alarge addition to the proprietor's bank a count.

UP-TOWN STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Property Owners Demand a Bridge Over the

Fourth avenue and Part Morris. In 1887 the Park Department made Brook avenue as nearly continuous as possible by opening up a street 200 feet long to run diagonally from Brook to Third avenue, but the use of this street forces one to make a considerable detour to reach Brook avenue again. The railroad company, it is claimed, promised to

those interested in the plan at his office. 14 let street and Third avenue, resterday. The railroad people sent a lawyer to argue that it was wrong to force the company to near the expense of building a bridge. There were no property owners who opposed Commissioner Heintz's plan, which was thereupon adopted. It will be presented to the Board concurs the Openings to-day. If the Board concurs the 200-foot street will be discontinued and the railroad will have to build the bridge. The Commissioner also proposes to widen 138th street from Third arenus to the Harlem River, and a plan for carrying out this work will also be presented to the Board of Street Openings to-day.

He Abandoned the First Four Years Ago-Now He is Charged with Bigamy.

Joseph Reene, employed by Fruit Dealer Wessell at Barclay and Washington streets. was committed by Justice Kilbreth in the Yorkville Police Court pesterlay morning for examination on Thursday on a charge of bigamy in April, 1888, Reens deserted his wife and four small children, who were then living at 329 East Thirt/-ninth street. On June 6 Keene's wife and children were dis-June 9 Reene's wife and children were dispossessed, and Justles Murray, in the Yorkville Court, committed the children to St.
James's Home. Mrs. Reene has supported
herself since by doing houseworks.
A few months ago she heard that her husband had married again and was living somewhere in Madison street. She had the facts
before the Gerry seclety, and on Saturday
Agents King and Mulligan learned that Keene
was living at 64 Mudison street. When they
called Keene was absent, but they had an inhad squandered St.000 belonging to the abused her stamefully. When the s-called again on Sunday heene had moved to the carried by the stame arrested him employer's store. The two Mrs. Reene the carried by the store of the sto appear in court at the examination on Thurs day morning.

SHOT HIS HOSTESS THRICT. Balsamo a Fugitive and the Girl Carried to the Hospital,

Caroline Gestell, 24 years old, lived at 467 Degraw street, Brooklyn, a Swedish boarding rather than revengeful. house. Joseph Balsamo of 418 Baltic street house. Joseph Balsamo of 418 Baltic street called on her last night and they quarreled while her husband was out.

He pulled out a pistol and shot her three times, once in the abdownen, once in the side, and once in the left hand. She was taken to the Long island College Hospital.

The girt is seriously wounded. Detectives are after Balsamo. He is an Italian who used to carry paraquets around New York with a fortune-telling layout.

Edward Zaubrill, a homeless Russian, 43 years old, entered the Elizabeth street police station about noon yesterday and asked to be sent to the poorhouse. He seemed to la ! and a policeman was detailed to take him to court. On the way to the Tombs the mangrew very faint. Justice Grady committed him to the care of the Department of Charities and Correction, but in the hall leading down to the prison Zaubrili collapsed. A hurry call was sent for an ambulance, but before it came he died. The surge in said that death was probably due to exposure.

The new Brooklyn Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Ralph avenue and Pacific street will dedicated at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The exercises will be of special interest from the fact that the flev. Dr. McGlynn is announced to make an address. The other speakers will include Mayor Boody, Rabbi A. H. Greisman, and Congressman-elect Joseph C. Hendrix. The new building is one of the finest of its kind in the country, and, including the ground, cost over \$250,000, and will accommodate 400 children. children-

Eagan's Wife No. 2 Let Him Of Easy. PORT JERVIS. Dec. 27 .- Harry Eagan of the town of Greenville. Orange county, was ar-rested last Saturday on complaint of his wife. who charged him with having another wife and four children living in Ireland. Lesterday Eagan was taken before Justice Wood for a hearing. The wife was there too, she lest tured him severely and then withdrew the complaint on condition that he leave town at once. He readily assented and struck a feel line for the nearest railway station, taking the first train east.

Caused Her Mother to Burn to Brath MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 27,-While Mrs. Arthur Rivard, about 30 years old, was sitting in her chair asleep yesterday, one of her chil dren, who was burning paper in the grate, dropped a lighted piece in her mother's land. The latter's clothing took fire immediately and she was so badly burned that she died this morning. Mr. Rivard and an older shind were severely injured trying to exatinguish the flames.

Bentenced to the Keeler Cure. BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 27.-Judge Cram of the Biddeford Municipal Court, following the

example of the Vermont Judge, to-day sus-pended the sentence of Dennis Crowler, a Biddeford inebriate, to give him a chance to take the Keeley cure. Women May Practise Law. Tonosto, Dec. 27.-The Law society this morning considered the question of admitting

women to practise law. The result was the adoption of resolutions admitting women. This is final, and any woman who can qualify is now free to gractise law in this province.

Apollinaris

"THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS.

"The best of all I consider Apollinaris." GEO. W. CHILDS.

Prop'r., PHILA. PUBLIC LEDGER.

INTER-STATE COMMERCE LAW.

The Senate Committee at Work on the Pro-

posed Amendments, Washington, Dec. 27 .- Mr. Cullom. Chairman of the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce, is devoting a great deal of time to the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Inter-State Commerce law that have | Kargé was coming to visit him for two or three been introduced in the Senate this session. Immediately after the reassembling of Congress he will call the committee together and the Grand Duchy of Posen, a Polish depenurge the consideration of the measures that | dency of Prussia, on July 3, 1823. In 1842 he have been proposed, many of which are intended to vitalize and add strength to the law. | was distinguished for his attainments in lanupon which heavy inreads have been made by guage and history. In 1845 he went to Paris

at the earliest practicable day," said Mr. Cullom this morning, "and I intend to insist | and there further prosecuted his studupon their consideration by the Senate. The les, discharging at the same time measures proposed are of great importance.

Brook avenue is a convenient thoroughfare 100 feet wide, which extends from flarlem River to Fordham. It would be still more con-

HE WAS REALLY COMPLIMENTARY.

The Three Rivers People Bidnt See All
That Col, Nicholas Smith Wrote,
MINIZEAL, Dec. 27—Col, Nicholas Smith,
United States Consul at Three Rivers, whose
report on the sanitary condition of that form Intel States Consulat Three Rivers, whose report on the sanitary condition of that tows created so much insignation and led to the Three Rivers people demanding his recall, returned from Washington to-day, where he has been in conference with the State Department. Coll Smith has been nominated by Fresident Harrison to be Consulat Liege, Beigium, and will leave for his new office as soon as he can arrange matters here. Coll Smith regards his important ment as a promotion, and declares that they are more subdividually in the sountry from Saxony, and a few months after his arrival was started in business on Staten Island by Brewer Meyors. He moved to Brooklyn in 1892, and has since continued in business in Atlantic avenue. A few years ago he put up a \$100,000 building arrange matters here. Coll Smith regards him in his roport which created so much trouble. The finding and a daughter, He was a member of the firm the kind who used to be found around the big dance hais, except that they are more subdivent they year and who used to be found around the big dance hais, except that they are more subdivent they rear ago he came to this country from Saxony, and a few months after his arrival was started in business on Staten Island by Brewer Meyors. He moved to Brooklyn in 1892, and has since continued in business on Staten Island by Brewer Meyors. He moved to Brooklyn in 1892, and has since toned by age and wearing. The mustel sa piano assisted sometimes by a violiner narmonica. The planting during the evening and until the lights at \$250,000. He leaves a son Adolph B. Thim is and a daughter. He was a member of the same who have a confidential one to the State Department who liy justifies him in his roport which created so much trouble. A few parts and the state Department who liy justifies him in his roport which created so much trouble and less prosperous in appearance. The women are more failed with that the kind in his report which created so much trouble. He says:

"My despatch was a confidential one to the state lepartment, but through some means it was published, but not entirely, as all its favorable parts were emitted. If the Three hivers people and known of the tributes paid to their morality and domestic virtues, which I mentioned, they would have felt flattered eather than revenceful."

ELESSED BY BISHOP POTTER.

The Formal Dedication of the Emily Bruce Lines Memorial Parish House,

The Emily Bruce Lines Memorial Parish House of the Church of the Beloved Disciple. Fighty-ninth street and Madison avenue. was opened last evening and blessed by Rishon Potter in the presence of a large assemblage. The clergy, choir, wardens, and vestrymen of the parish met at the church and went in procession to the parish house.

Following the services there was a reception from 8 to 11 o clock at the parish house, and during the evening a collation was served.

The new parish house was erected at a cost of \$40,000. Mrs. Lings, in whose memory the building is named, was the wife of the present rector. She died in 1841. She was an earnest advocate of the building of a parish house, and at a parish meeting, held in the month after her death, the fund for the building was started by Miss taroline Talman, who gave \$10,000 on condition that the building be named in memory of Mrs. Lines. The clergy, choir, wardens, and vestrymen of

FARMER BOON'S UNLUCKY FRIDAY. A Long List of Misadventures Causes Him to Regard the Day as Fateful.

BATH, N. Y., Dec. 25,-It will be useless for Barn. N. Y., Dec. 25.—It will be useless for any one to try and convince Farmer George Boon of Cross Fork. Pa., that Friday is not an unlucky day, after his experiences of last Friday. Early Friday morning a bear entered Friday morning a bear entered Farmer Boon's pig pen and killed two of his Farmer Boon's pig pen and killed two of his fattest Berkshire pigs. Later in the day a fattest Berkshire pigs. Later in the day a hawk pounced down upon a prize Wyandotte heni belonging to the farmer and carried it away. Soon after that his five-year-old boy Bobby fell into a distern and was nearly drowned before he could be rescued. In the afternoon Farmer Boon's team ran away while the hired man was coming down a steep hill with them. One of the horses was killed and the hired man's leg was broken. Following this calamity. Mrs. Boon came home from town, where she had been trading, and discovered that she had lest a \$10 bill. To cap the climax of this day of disaster on the Boon farm, the roof of an old tuilding in which the farmer had shut up his sheep fell in and crushed six of the sheep to death. So nothing can ever make Farmer Boon believe that Friday isn't an unlucky day.

Emptied His Ashes on a Passing Policeman. Joseph Moritz of 71 Henry street celebrated Christmas on Sunday and Monday both. The weariness of the flesh, and when yesterday morning Joseph's father asked him to carry the ashes from the second-story fires down to the ashes from the second-story fires down to the ash barrel on the sidewalk, he did not feel equal to the exertion. So he emptied the ashes out the window. Policeman Whatley of the Madison street station happened to be passing in a brand-new uniform, land more ashes fell on him than into the barrel. The policeman ran up stairs and grabbed Joseph, whom he carried before Justice Hogan in the Fassex Market Police Court. The offender was held in \$1000ball to appear at Special Sessions.

Investigating Reading's City Treasurer's Accounts.

READING, Pa., Dec. 27.-The banks of this city have been directed by Mayor Merritt to refuse payment of any checks issued by City Treasurer Obold. An investigation is being made into the affairs of the City Treasurer's office. Mr. Obold denies all reports of mis-management. OBITUARY.

Joseph Karge, Professor of Continental Lan-

guages and Literature in the College of New Jersey at Princeton, died yesterday on a ferrybeat of the Pennsylvania Railroad which was crossing to this city. His son, Ladislas Kargi, a lawyer of this city, had been ill and Prof. days. He left Princeton at 2 e'clock and at about 4 was on the ferryboat. He was born in entered the University of Breslan, where he recent Federal court decisions.

"These bills will be reported to the Senate literature in the College de France. He ion this morning. "and I intend to insist you their fordideration by the Seath." It is consistently the massive proposed are of great importance in the existing status. The general law is to be amended so as to protect witnesses in order that they may be compelled to testify. The cit statute of 1882, under which the law now essuath, and the third to substitute and amendment of the law is obstitute reported in the witness in the matter of eriminating testimons. The law should be amended in the interest of the country of the witness in the matter of eriminating testimons. The law should be amended in the interest of the country of the witness in the matter of eriminating testimons. The law should be amended in the interest of the country of the work. However, the status of 1882, the should be amended in the interest of the country of the work indicated the status of 1882, the should be appeared in the decision of Judge Gresham is to the effect of the work. However, the status of 1882, the should be appeared in the decision of Judge Gresham is to the effect of the work of the work. However, the status of the country of the work indicates that an away would be constituted to the status of the country of the work in the proper remeny thus surgested in the decision of Judge Gresham is to the effect of the decision of Judge Gresham is to the effect of the work of the work in the proper remeny that surgested in the decision of Judge Gresham is to the effect of the work of the w his military obligations to the State.

to have visited simost every part of the globe.

Charles H. Burr, builder, of 280 Broadway, died on Monday morning of heart disease at his residence in Shrewsburr, N. J. He was born in Ireland fifty-two years are and came to this city at the age of 15. He wife, two sons. and two daughters survive him.

John H. Grove died on Monday morning in Buffalo of heart disease, aged 75. He published the Nandard at Recapert, Ill., in the sixtles. At the time of his death he was the head of the Grove Rooding Company.

Surgeon H. T. Harvey, U. S. N., died at Crawford Miss. on Monday, after a long filmers. Dr. Harvey was a survivor of the Samoan diseaser, and his last service was on the receiving ship at Louis.

Alongo Decker of Baltimore, aged 44 years, died suddenly in Newburgh on Monday, while on a visit to his friends. He was a chair manufacturer in Baltimore.

Charles Houth, for twenty-five years proand two daughters survive him.

Charles Booth, for twenty-five years pro-prietor of the Booth House in Greenport, is dead in that plane, aged 48 years. The Salvation Army Makes No Provision for Its Brad.

Walter Woodward, a member of the Salvation Army, died on Monday in the city hos-pital on Blackwell's Island. Warden O'Rourke of Bellevus Hospital notified the officials of the Army in this city. He received a letter yesterday from lieut. Lang of 35 Howning street stating that they hoped Woodward's soul had taken its fight to heaven, but that the Army had made no provision for burying its dead, woodward's body will be buried in Potter's Field on Friday.

Inspector Williams Also Goes to Law. Inspector Alexander S. Williams has folowed the example - t by his rival. Inspector Conlin. in the fight for the Senior Inspectorship. Yesterday his counsel served an order on the Police Commissioners to show cause why a peremptory mandamus should not issue compelling them to decide the question. The motion will be argued before Justice Lawrence of the Supreme Court on Dec. 24

THE LAST OF THE DANCE HOUSES It Brags Out a Lingering Existence in an Old Bond Street Mansion,

On the north side of Bond street, in the middle of the block, is the only remnant of the old-time dance houses. There are dance houses on the east side and in the sailors' quarter along Cherry and Water streets, but they are an entirely different class of places. Weil-dressed men are never seen in them-Up-town cabmen do not know them. They are only parts of the slums, like the optum dens in Pell street and the Italian two-cent beer dives in Mulberry Bend. The police arrest the proprietors time after time, just as they regularly raid the opium dens and the stale beer dives, but in these parts of the city there is a demand for such places, and they reappear after every police raid. The police there find their work as transient as does the Street Cleaning Department the results of its efforts in the Polish Jew quarter along Hester, Suffolk, and Essex streets. The department goes through and cleans the streets in the morning only to have them as dirty again by the next morning, so the police regularly do their cleaning out of the low dance halls only to have the inmates return to the same life as soon as their term on the Island is over.

tive remnant, of the glories of the dance house of the past, the Empire, the Haymarket the Siide, Armory Hall, the Excise Exchange, and the others. As a relic it is a curiosity, just as it is a disappointment to anybody who goes there expecting to see something shockingly wicked. It is so carefully conducted that it is hard to see what law it violates except in selling beer after 1 o'clock at night, but its

The Bond street dance hall is a different

kind of place. It is a remnant a faded diminu-

He moved to Brooklyn in 1820, and has since continued in unsinces in Atlantic avenue. A few years ago he put up a \$100.000 building on that avenue and his fortune was estinated for the strength of the stren

Morris Spiegel was convicted before Justice Eussell in the Court of Over and Terminer resterdar, after a trial of two weeks, of prosenting fraudulent insurance claims, and was senting fraudient insurance claims, and was sentenced to three and a half years imprisonment. The extreme penalty would have been five rears and a fine of some.

Springel was a wine merchant at 103 Broad street. A fire occurred in one of his lofts on the let 18:11. The presention contended that his whole stock was north under Sidious, and was damaged less than Sides. He canned over file and the eight companies in which he was assured.

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